

Nahaco Commission Minutes for January 8, 2014  
Meeting held at Eastford Town Hall  
Submitted by Daniel Murphy on January 15, 2014

Members Present: Mary Ellen Ellsworth, Gary Kendrick, Chuck Lee, Tony Perreault, Beach Baywood, Missy Vincent, Tom Hawkins  
Members Absent: Sam Asikainen, Philippa Paquette  
Guests: Rob Davis

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05.
2. There were no
3. Motion: To approve the minutes of December 4, 2013. Beach Baywood, seconded by Chuck Lee. Unanimous, Tom Hawkins abstaining.
4. There was no public participation.
5. Mary Ellen Ellsworth reported that she had spoken to Eastford Select Person Art Broder about getting capital funding for Nahaco, and that he said the Commission will be included in Eastford's mailing list for budgetary requests. Chuck Lee also reported a conversation with Art regarding the necessity of increased funding for Nahaco as well as the possibility of a joint meeting between the Nahaco Commission and the Woodstock/Eastford Select Persons.
6. Tom Hawkins reported that there are already seven rentals on the calendar for 2014 and that more will be coming.  
Motion: To adjust the agenda to add item 6A: Camp Calendar. Unanimous.
  - A. The Commission discussed Camp Nahaco Director Jen Larkin's proposed camp schedule for 2014. The only major change would be that the camp would run 5 weeks and that Jen would no longer be the on-site director. She would be replaced by Katie Safalowski, formerly the water front director at Camp Nahaco. The Commission also discussed areas of the camp that they would like to improve, notably the water infrastructure, expansion of the beachfront, installing a half court basketball court, and implementing a "4<sup>th</sup> of July at Nahaco" event. Mary Ellen Ellsworth reported she had spoken to both the Woodstock and Eastford recreation commissions about such an event and received an enthusiastic response. In their discussions, the Commission agreed to turn on all the water systems for Camp Nahaco at the same time in the Spring.
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    - A. There was no update on the trails, pump house, or dining hall maintenance.
    - B. The Commission discussed instituting quarterly or monthly inspections of the Nahaco trails.
    - C. Gary Kendrick reported that he spoke with Connecticut Light and Power and was able to get a deal that halved the former cost of providing electricity to the upper camp.
8. Beach Baywood reported that the Commission's balance for December is \$11,184.79.
9. The Commission reviewed and discussed amendments to the proposed budget for 2014-15 presented to them by Beach Baywood. There was discussion on the need to raise the revenues of the Commission as well. The Commission agreed to make

further suggestions for changes to the budget and submit them to Beach in a timely manner so that the budget can be submitted to the Eastford and Woodstock Town Halls as soon as possible.

10. It was reported that the 2014 STEAP Application was submitted to the Town of Woodstock in November 2013. The Commission is continuing to gather support for the application and has been contacted by Woodstock Representative Mike Alberts, who says he will write a letter of support when the application is submitted to the state.

11. Mary Ellen Ellsworth reported that she again spoke with the trophy salesperson and that the walnut plaque commemorating DEP, Nature Conservancy, and CME will go up soon.

12. Tom Hawkins reported that the Hyde school is willing to come to do clean up activities at Camp Nahaco multiple times per year. The Commission hopes to take Hyde up on this offer for a spring clean up event.

13. There was no update on the paintings.

14. It was reported that the town web pages have been updated with information about Nahaco and that there has been a positive public response for increasing Town funding to Camp Nahaco.

15. It was reported that a copy of the Nahaco Stewardship Plan is available in the Eastford Public Library.

16. Mary Ellen Ellsworth reported that Suzanne Woodward has resigned from the Nahaco Commission, effective immediately.

Motion: To thank Suzanne Woodward for her services to the Nahaco Commission in a letter to be written by Mary Ellen Ellsworth. Chuck Lee, seconded by Tom Hawkins. Unanimous.

17. Chuck Lee reported that Allison Clark of the State office has not written an official letter to him yet regarding the buildings she initially told him the Commission would have to demolish.

18. Rob Davis will call Tim Young to find out what can legally be burned on-site at Nahaco.

Motion: To hire Amerigas to remove the propane tank by the shower building at Camp Nahaco. Beach Baywood, seconded by Chuck Lee. Unanimous.

19. The meeting adjourned at 8:51.